

sell my stock and collect what is due
estate and pay my lawful debts and
dispose of the balance as he may see
proper.

I also make constitute and appoint
joint my friend Jeremiah J. Pelletier
to be executor of this my last will
and testament.

In testimony whereof I the said
James Godwin Sen. have hereunto set
my hand and seal the 31st day of
April A.D. 1858.

his
James x Godwin Sen.
mark

Signed sealed published and deliv-
ered by said James Godwin Sen.
as his last will and testament
in our presents who at request of
testatrix and in his presence and in
presence of each other have become
witnesses hereto.

J. R. Wilson

Wm. S. Bell

Carters County Court May Term A.D. 1858

The foregoing paper writing pur-
porting to be the last will and testam-
ent of James Godwin deceased, is
submitted for probate in open Court
Jeremiah J. Pelletier, the executor thereof
named, and the due execution thereof
by the said James Godwin, is proved
the oath and examination of J. R. Wilson
and William S. Bell, the subscribers
witnesses thereto. It is therefore
ordered by the Court that the said

paper writing, and every part there-
of, is the last will and testament
of the said James Godwin, and the
same is ordered to be recorded
and filed. And thereupon the said
Jeremiah J. Pelletier, executor as afore-
said, duly qualifies as such, by
taking the oath required by law.
Jas. Ramsey C. C.

In the name of God. Amen, I, James
Hancock of the State of North Carolina
and County of Carteret, being weak
and frail, but of sound and disposing
mind and memory, knowing that I
am appointed unto all men once to
live, do make and ordain this my
last will and testament in manner
and form following, to wit:

Imprimis, I commend my soul to
God who gave it & my body to the dust to
be decently interred at the discretion of my
surviving friends.

2nd. My will and desire is that all my
debts & funeral expenses shall be paid.

3rd. My will and desire is that my plan-
tation & lands adjoining, together with all my
household and kitchen furniture, farming
implements of every kind, and all my stock
& Cattle, horses, hogs &c. remain in pos-
session of my widow during her nat-
ural life or widowhood, for the support
of herself and children, as also for the
support of my sister Sally Hancock

whom I desire should be supported out of my property during her natural life.

I desire also that my negro boy should remain in the possession of my wife in the same manner and for the same purpose as the foregoing bequest, so long as he remains manageable; but should he become unmanageable my will and desire is that he be sold at the discretion of my executors and that the proceeds of the sale be applied to the purchase of another slave to replace him.

4th. My will is that my executors sell my verbal and flat, and dispose of the proceeds as with my other personal property.

5th. My will and desire is that my sister Sally have an equal share with my children in all my personal property, and that the same be divided alike among them, share and share alike after the decease of my wife.

6th. Should my wife marry again my will and desire is that she have such part of my estate both real and personal as the law would have given her had I have died without making any will.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my son in law Joshua Taylor and my son James F. Hancock my lawful executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal affix my seal this fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

James Hancock (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by James Hancock, as his last will and testament in presence of
Samuel Seffers
James G. Davis.

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas, Quarter
Carters County. 3 Sesssion, May Term 1858.

The foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of James Hancock deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by Joshua Taylor, one of the executors therein named, and the due execution thereof, by the said James Hancock, is proved by the oath and examination of Samuel Seffers, and James G. Davis, the subscribing witnesses thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said James Hancock, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said Joshua Taylor, executor as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Wm. Rumley C. C.